

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-20 are amended. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

2. Claims 1-20 are patentable, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), over Ohtani, U.S. Patent No. 5,3844,207 in view of Kubo et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,842,626 ("Kubo"). Claim 1 recites a back cover for closing the internal compartment and covering the detachable electronic unit when said detachable electronic unit is installed into the internal compartment. Claim 1 also recites electronic contacts ... for establishing an electrical connection with said detachable electronic unit when said detachable electronic unit is placed into said internal compartment and the back cover comprises a guiding means for pushing said detachable electronic unit against said electronic contacts while closing said back cover. The combination of Ohtani and Kubo does not disclose or suggest a back cover having a guiding means for pushing a detachable electronic unit against electrical contacts while closing the back cover as called for in claim 1.

Ohtani discloses a cordless telephone with a battery compartment 21a integrally formed in the rear of the housing 21 of the phone (col. 3, lines 32-51). Ohtani also discloses a movable holder 21 detachably provided at one end of the battery mounting portion that can be reversed to accommodate a rechargeable battery pack or dry batteries such a AAA batteries (col. 4, lines 1-6). The battery pack or dry batteries are held inside the compartment 21a by spring members (27A, 21c) located at the ends of the battery so that the battery is sandwiched between the springs members (27a, 21c) (See Fig. 2). After mounting the battery pack 22, the cover 24 of the battery compartment 21a is engaged with the housing 21 to prevent the battery from falling out of the

compartment 21a (col. 5, lines 40-43). The Examiner notes that Ohtani does not disclose or suggest establishing an electrical connection with the detachable electronic unit when the detachable electronic unit is placed into the internal compartment, wherein the back cover has a guiding means for pushing the detachable electronic unit against electronic contact while closing the back cover as called for in Applicant's claim 1.

Kubo discloses a cellular phone with a sliding cover over the keypad of the phone (col. 3, lines 29-37). In Kubo, the case body (1) includes rail portions (20) for slidably supporting the sliding cover (5), stopper portions (21) for abutting against the sliding cover (5) to restrict the sliding motion of the cover (5) and locking portions (10, 7) for positioning the cover (5) on the body (1) (col. 3, lines 51-57). Kubo also discloses the sliding cover (5) having rails (30) that engage rails (20) of the body (1). The cover (5) also has stopper projections (31) and locking claws (32a) for positioning the cover (5) on the body (1) (col. 3, lines 58-65). The cover (5) is held on the body (1) through resilient force exerted on the sides of the body (1) by locking claws (32a) (col. 4, lines 8-11). Nowhere in Kubo is a back cover for closing the internal compartment disclosed or suggested. Kubo also does not disclose or suggest electronic contacts ... for establishing an electrical connection with said detachable electronic unit when said detachable electronic unit is placed into said internal compartment. Nor does Kubo disclose or suggest a back cover having a guiding means for pushing said detachable electronic unit against said electronic contacts while closing said back cover.

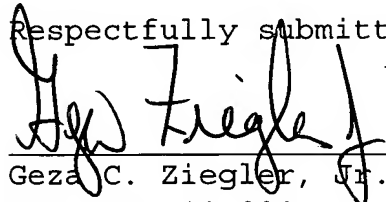
The Examiner states that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the technique of Kubo to the system of Ohtani in order to provide a good mechanical connection between the slide and the main body of the unit. However, providing a good mechanical connection between "the slide" and the "main body of the unit" does not relate in any way to what is claimed by Applicant in claim 1. Claim 1 calls for a back cover with a guiding means for pushing a detachable electronic unit against electrical contacts for establishing an electrical connection while closing the back cover. The sliding cover (5) of Kubo does not push anything, nonetheless a detachable electronic unit, against electrical contacts nor is the electrical connection of a detachable electronic unit disclosed or suggested in Kubo. There is no suggestion or motivation for a person of reasonable skill in the art to combine the sliding cover of Kubo with the system of Ohtani to arrive at what is claimed in Applicant's claim 1. If Ohtani and Kubo were combined the result would be a cordless phone that accepts battery packs or dry cell batteries, which are sandwiched between spring members within the battery compartment, having a sliding back cover that merely keeps the battery from falling out. This is not what is claimed in claim 1 of the present application. Claim 1 recites the back cover having a guiding means for pushing said detachable electronic unit against said electronic contacts while closing said back cover. Thus Applicant's claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Ohtani and Kubo.

Independent claims 8 and 11 are patentable over the combination of Ohtani and Kubo for reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claims 2-7, 9, 10 and 12-20 are patentable by reason of their respective dependencies.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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